

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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National Bamboo Mission
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Bamboo Mission is lagging far behind in terms of achieving its targets due to inadequate publicity, low demand and decline in production of bamboo in the country including Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total amount of funds allocated for the said scheme during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the scheme formulated by the Government to create a market for bamboo products;
- (d) whether a review of the major reasons for the failure of the said scheme has been conducted, if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government for the benefit of bamboo growers especially during bamboo flowering season?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

श्री अशोक कुमार शर्मा : (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a): Implementation of the National Agroforestry & Bamboo Mission in the country including Rajasthan is in the line of targeted action plan set for the Mission. As per available reports 3,57,427 ha. area have been covered in forest & non-forest land, 87,978 ha. area taken up for improvement of existing stock for higher productivity (forest & non-forest areas) against targets of 3,62,848 ha., 69,410 ha. respectively.

(b): State-wise funds allocated/released during last three years under National Bamboo Mission (NBM), recently renamed as National Agroforestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM) is given at Annexure-I. For the current year budget provision of Rs. 75.00 core has been made for taking up Agroforestry measures.

(c): Under the Mission, 107 nos. of markets (Bamboo wholesale & retail markets near villages, etc.) have been established for promotion of bamboo products. Besides, efforts are being made to popularize bamboo products through participation in domestic/national/international trade fairs.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Under the Mission, steps have already been taken & are being taken to provide assistance to farmers / bamboo growers for nursery establishment, plantations in non-forest area, imparting training for preparation of nurseries & bamboo plantations, etc.